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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
U.S. Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to express my support of the recent settlement in the antitrust case between Microsoft and the US Department of Justice. I think the lawsuit was unjustified in the first place, considering how much Microsoft has done for our country by way of creating jobs, generating income, and making technological breakthroughs. I realize that the competition is way behind, but this is the reality of a capitalist society and a free market. The most innovative will always succeed.

I feel that the lawsuit was initiated because Microsoft would not and did not play ball with the Democratic Party and specifically the Clinton's who wanted donations from Microsoft.

The terms of the settlement are harsh and make Microsoft give away many secrets. For one, Microsoft is being forced to disclose interfaces that are internal to Windows operating system products. This seems to me to be in violation of their intellectual property rights.

Nevertheless, I think it is in the best interests of the American public to have the case finalized. Our economy and the IT sector in particular needs Microsoft focusing on business, not politics. I urge your office to take a stance against the nine states in opposition and do what is right for the American public. Thank you.

Sincerely,



A. Sanborn

B. cc: Senator Rick Santorum